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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : PATENT  
Heinz Metzger :  
Serial No.: 10/532,116 : Art Unit: 3677  
Filed: April 21, 2005 : Examiner: F. Saether  
For: **THREADED RING FOR LOCKING** :  
**ON A THREADED SPINDLE (Amended)** :

**RESPONSE**

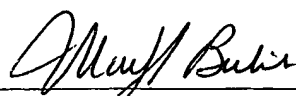
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Sir:

In response to the December 4, 2006 Notice of Allowability indicating for the first time in connection with the above-identified application that a certified copy of the priority document has not been filed, applicant requests reconsideration. Since this application is the U.S. national phase of an International application, such priority document should have been forwarded by the International Bureau.

Prompt and favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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